

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5**

**DATE:** April 25, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Reports of Significant Developments and Activities  
Ending on April 19, 2002

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The activities listed below are organized by  
training/conferences and stakeholder feedback:

**TRAINING/CONFERENCES**

**Occupational Safety and Health Administration Refresher  
Training, Willowbrook, Illinois**

During the week of April 15, 2002, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Superfund Health & Safety (H&S) Committee arranged three Health and Safety 8-Hour Refresher Training courses. Ninety-four (94) people attended the training, including personnel outside U.S. EPA (e.g., the U.S. Department of Labor).

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**Brownfields Conference, LaSalle, Illinois**

On April 9 and 10, 2002, Joseph Dufficy, Deborah Orr, and Donna Braden, Brownfields Early Action Section (BEAS), participated in the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) Brownfields Conference, held near LaSalle, Illinois. The 174 participants included representatives from 55 Illinois communities, four counties, two Federal agencies in addition to U.S. EPA, 20 contractors, and four Illinois State agencies. Deborah Orr provided an overview on the new

Brownfields legislation and Joe Dufficy participated in the plenary discussion on the critical issues facing brownfields cleanup and redevelopment efforts. There was extensive interaction with the participants with questions and comments in both sessions.

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**Meeting, Quad Cities Sub-Area Planning, Davenport, Iowa**

On April 18, 2002, the Quad Cities Sub-Area Exercise Planning Committee met at the Scott County Courthouse building in Davenport, Iowa. Representatives from U.S. EPA Region 5, U.S. EPA Region 7, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Coast Guard, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA), Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Rock Island Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA), Scott County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), and Davenport Fire Department were present at the meeting.

The committee continued to discuss logistics for the river survey planned for the week of April 22, 2002. There will be two teams working on both the Illinois and Iowa sides of the Mississippi River that will be confirming data in the Inland Sensitivity Atlases. The teams will also identify any items that may not be found in the Atlases. This information will be used to develop response strategies and possibly to conduct equipment deployment exercises in the Quad Cities area to determine if response strategies will work. Also, the U.S. Coast Guard gave an update on their staffing and priorities on the Mississippi River since September 11, 2002. The local Emergency Service Disaster Agency (ESDA) and Emergency Management Agency (EMA) also provided information on upcoming exercises and training that is going to be put on in the coming year. The next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2002, and will be a teleconference.

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**Computer Aided Management Emergency Operations/Landview/ALPHA Training, Minneapolis, Minnesota**

On April 9-11, 2002, John Elkmann, Office of Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention (OCEPP), presented three days of advanced training in the new Computer Aided Management Emergency Operations (CAMEOfm) program, the new Landview 5

Geographic Information System (GIS), and Areal Location of Hazardous Atmospheres (ALOHA) to selected representatives of the eleven Minnesota State sponsored HAZMAT teams. Four representatives of State support agencies attended, as well. Training was held at Hennepin Technical College in Minneapolis.

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#### **STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK**

##### **Note of Appreciation (Tom Alcamo & Milt Clark), Bloomington, Indiana; and, Note of Recommendation, Training, India**

Raj Rajaram, Tetra Tech EM, Inc., sent an e-mail to Bharat Mathur, Deputy Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA Region 5, expressing recognition, as follows:

"As I told you, I have been working on the Bloomington, Indiana, PCB sites for the past 2 years. On April 16, 2002, Tom Alcamo and Milt Clark of the U.S. EPA Superfund Branch and I were at a public meeting in Bloomington. I was thoroughly impressed by the dedication, and practical approach taken by Tom and Milt in presenting complex issues to the public, and moving the project forward. In my 11 years of working as a U.S. EPA contractor, I have not met such dedicated professionals. They are a credit to your agency, and I wish you could find some way of my recognizing their efforts. In addition, I would suggest that they would be excellent candidates to send to India to train people from government and industry on hazardous waste management (Tom Alcamo) and Risk Assessment (Milt Clark). I believe Milt has been interacting with you on Global Warming issues."

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